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Pearl Queen Perlite (M/001/0027) - SITLA concurrence and inspection reports

John Blake <jblake@utah.gov>
To: Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

Mon, May 18, 2015 at 11:59 AM

Peter,

There was not a transfer of the old lease to Jay Gatten. Gatten has a new lease. Basin Perlite no longer has any rights relevant to their lease, so we want to get them out of there as soon as possible. Thanks.

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On Mon, May 18, 2015 at 11:40 AM, Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov> wrote:
Hi John,

I intended the previous email for Paul. I've been probably over-analyzing this one because there currently aren't significant erosion impacts, but could be. So it's good to know about the lease ending.

Was Basin Perlite's lease transferred to the Gattens or did it expire?

I think we can direct Basin Perlite to regrade that north dump by a set and reasonable date, due to their lack of authorization to mine. Is that the reasoning for what you are thinking? Normally we don't require reclamation if they aren't out of compliance, but lack of authorization would justify it.

Peter

On Mon, May 18, 2015 at 11:25 AM, Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov> wrote:
Looks like I should have caught up with John Blake earlier about the Pearl Queen. See below.

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From: John Blake <jblake@utah.gov>
Date: Mon, May 18, 2015 at 7:15 AM
Subject: Re: Pearl Queen Perlite (M/001/0027) - SITLA concurrence and inspection reports
To: Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov>

Peter,

SITLA concurs with partial bond release, and your bond retention plan of \$14,000. Please ensure that the proposed north dump grading work be completed as soon as feasible. SITLA has a new lessee for this property (Jay Gatten) and is anxious that the old lessee finish its reclamation responsibility for the site as soon as possible. Thanks.

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On Fri, May 15, 2015 at 9:36 AM, Peter Brinton <peterbrinton@utah.gov> wrote:

Hi John,

Here are two 2014 and one 2015 Pearl Queen Perlite inspection reports. The operator is requesting partial bond release, and we've been evaluating a potential erosion problem prior to granting a partial release. Due to the possibility of significant erosion in the future, we're proposing that not all of the SITLA earthwork bond be released, and that they either regrade now, or we continue to monitor the site until it's clear that erosion, while active, isn't going to snowball.

The revegetation at the site looks really good - some of the best that I've seen since I've been here.

I'm suggesting that we hold \$14,000 to cover revegetation on recently graded roads, and also to cover the regrading of the 1.5 acre north dump on SITLA (which has vegetation, but has not yet been graded and on which there is a real possibility (probability) of a gully developing without regrading).

Here's the breakdown:

First acre	\$8,000 (north dump grading)
Second acre	\$5,000 (north dump grading)
<u>Graded acre</u>	<u>\$1,000 (revegetation)</u>
Total	\$14,000

In addition, we're also going to hold back revegetation surety for the nearby BLM pit that was graded last summer.

Could you email me to let me know if you concur with a new bond amount of \$14,000 for SITLA?
Thanks.

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